Both questions will be on the exam. Each question is worth 50 points.

1. History is about the past, but with an apparent relationship to the present and even to the future. But just what is history? In the early 1960s Edward Carr wrote a book trying to answer this question. A few years later a book by Geoffrey Elton appeared that criticized Carr’s views. Both books are vital in their treatment of what history is, or might be. In a study that centers on these two historians, Richard Evans in *In Defense of History* also presents other views of history, some of which are similar to Carr but others which are quite different from Carr as well as from Elton. Compose an essay that compares and contrasts the historical views of Carr and Elton and which also compares their views to the much more recent ones since the 1960s, such as postmodernism. Conclude your essay by stating your view of history. (Dr. Sochan)

   Carr, Edward. *What is History?*
   Elton, Geoffrey. *The Practice of History*
   Evans, Richard. *In Defense of History*

2. A little known story in history is the British effort to suppress the slave trade in nineteenth century East Africa. During the 1920s and 1930s certain British historians created what might be termed the abolitionist narrative of nineteenth century East Africa. In the latter part of the twentieth century many, but not all, historians, called revisionists, became highly critical of this scholarly approach to East Africa. Compose an essay on this area of history that considers the following two items: a presentation of an overview of the historiography and a specific contrast of historians of the abolitionist narrative (Reginald Coupland and R.W. Beachey) with the revisionists (Edward Alpers and Robert Bennett). One historian from each camp must be discussed. (Dr. Sochan)

   Alpers, Edward. *The East African Slave Trade*
   Beachey, R.W. *The Slave Trade of East Africa*
   Bennett, Robert. *Arab versus European: Diplomacy and War in Nineteenth-Century East Central Africa*
   Coupland, Reginald. *East Africa and its Invaders*
   Coupland, Reginald. *The Exploitation of East Africa*
   Nwulia, Moses. *Britain and Slavery in East Africa*
   Sochan, George. “The Afro-Arab Slave Trade in Nineteenth Century East Africa” in *Journal of African Social Sciences and Humanities Studies*